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Applicants: Toshiro NISHI et al. Conf.: 9403
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 7, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please note that the three month suspension of action expires on August 10, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) A solid electrolyte type fuel battery in which a co-sintered interconnector for connecting cells of the solid electrolyte type fuel battery comprises a material having a matrix of the general formula $A_{1-x}B_xC_{1-y}D_yO_3$ where A is Ca, Sr or Ba, B is a rare earth element, aluminum or chromium, C is titanium, D is niobium or tantalum, $0 < x \leq 0.2$ and $0 \leq y \leq 0.2$.

8. (Amended) A solid electrolyte type fuel battery in which a co-sintered interconnector for connecting cells of the solid electrolyte type fuel battery comprises a material having a